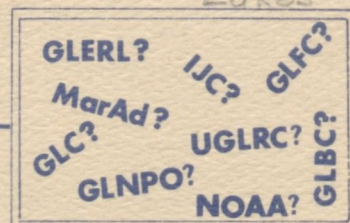


Great Lakes Agencies



The Great Lakes Commission, The Great Lakes Basin Commission, The Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, The Great Lakes Fishery Commission. There are more Great Lakes agencies than there are Great Lakes, and they all have similar sounding names. What's the difference? What do they all do? Who's who? Below are brief descriptions of some of these agencies.

Research

The **Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL)** is the focal point for field and laboratory environmental research on the Great Lakes. The GLERL would eventually like to develop a predictive model of the Great Lakes ecosystem to help people understand the effects of such things as phosphorus pollution on water quality, waves on shorelines, and lake circulation and its effects on the transport and dispersion of pollutants. GLERL is a branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Funding: Federal. Address: Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, 2300 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Phone: (313) 668-2243.

The **Great Lakes Sea Grant Network** is also part of NOAA. Sea Grant works through the universities in the region to sponsor research and provide advisory services on water related problems. Advisory agents help fishers, marina boat operators and others apply the results of Sea Grant research to their work. Communication specialists develop and distribute informational materials as well as self-help guides based on current research projects including: the effects on the Great Lakes of toxic substances, the value of wetland resources, and water safety - especially cold water near-drowning and scuba diving safety. Funding: Federal. Address: Office of Sea Grant, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce, Rockville, MD 20852. Phone: (301) 443-8975.

Regional Economy

The **Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission (UGLRC)** is an economic development agency providing funding for projects in northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. The commission promotes tourism, recreation and industry. For example, it funded an advertising program including brochures, advertisements and tours for travel writers promoting the Lake Superior region as a tourist attraction. Funding: Federal. Address: Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, Room 2093, Commerce Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Phone: (202) 967-2845.

The **Great Lakes Commission (GLC)** was formed by an interstate compact between the Great Lakes states to work on four major areas: environmental quality, fisheries and wildlife, water resources and shoreline use, and navigation and commerce. The commission represents regional interests at the federal decision making level. Funding: State. Address: Great Lakes Commission, 5104 IST Building, 2200 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Phone (313) 665-9135.

Fisheries

The **Great Lakes Fishery Laboratory**, a part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, carries out research on the fish resources of the Great Lakes. Laboratory research concentrates on the effects of pollution, lamprey predation, and habitat changes on food and game fish. Research results are given to state and federal agencies to help them develop fishery management plans. Funding: Federal. Address: Great Lakes Fishery Laboratory, P.O. Box 640, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Phone: (313) 994-3331.

The **Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC)** is a joint Canadian and U.S. management and research group originally formed to conduct a sea lamprey control program in the Great Lakes. Presently, under the sponsorship of the GLFC, representatives from other fishery agencies in the Great Lakes are preparing a Strategic Fisheries Management Plan - a guide to managing and rehabilitating the fishery resources of the Great Lakes from an ecosystem perspective. Funding: Canadian and U.S. Address: Great Lakes Fishery Commission, 1451 Green Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Phone: (313) 662-3209.

Water Quality

The International Joint Commission's **Great Lakes Regional Office** was established by the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, a commitment by both the U.S. and Canada to maintain and improve Great Lakes water quality. Two boards help both governments achieve the Agreement's water quality objectives. The Water Quality Board collects data, identifies problem areas, and monitors trends in U.S. and Canadian pollution control programs. The Science Advisory Board reviews current scientific research for its application to Great Lakes water quality problems. Other boards are looking at lake level regulation and the effect of consumptive uses of Great Lakes water on the lakes. Regional staff also develop educational materials about the Agreement for citizens in both countries. Funding: Canadian and U.S. Address: International Joint Commission, Great Lakes Regional Program Office, 100 Ouellette Ave., 8th Floor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada N9A 6T3. Phone: Detroit-(313) 963-9041 or Windsor-(519) 256-7821.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO)** is responsible for coordinating the environmental monitoring work of the three U.S. EPA regions with regulatory authority over the Great Lakes, and the implementation of the U.S. portion of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The GLNPO is concentrating its work on toxic substances, like PCBs and mercury, and phosphorus pollution in the Great Lakes by helping states develop programs to stop the discharge of inadequately treated sewage and industrial chemicals. EPA also sponsors a research laboratory in Grosse Ile, Michigan which is currently developing mathematical models for predicting the effects of toxic substances on the Great Lakes. Funding: Federal. Address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Great Lakes National Program Office, 530 S. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60604. Phone: (312) 886-3299.

Transportation

The Maritime Administration (MarAd) and its **Great Lakes Regional Office** are part of the U.S. Department of Commerce and assist the shipping community in areas like ship design and construction, and development of transportation equipment, and also provide educational and training facilities and financial assistance to help maintain the country's merchant marine. The Great Lakes Regional Office is concentrating on improving the efficiency of the Great Lakes navigation system and examining the effects of western coal shipping on future ship construction. Funding: Federal. Address: Great Lakes Regional Office, Maritime Administration, Room 576, 666 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114. Phone: (216) 522-3623.

Planning

The **Great Lakes Basin Commission (GLBC)** is a planning agency representing all the Great Lakes states, eleven federal agencies and one interstate compact commission (many of the agencies listed above). The commission brings together local, state, federal and international government officials, citizens groups, and industry to examine regional water and related resource problems. Its central task is to develop the Great Lakes Basin Plan, a series of recommendations for solving regional water and related resource problems such as managing hazardous materials, coastal hazards, water conservation, energy and wetlands. Funding: State and Federal. Address: Great Lakes Basin Commission, P.O. Box 999, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Phone: (313) 668-2300.